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July 28, 2008

The Honorable Gabriel W. Gorenstein United States Magistrate Judge United States District Court Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street, Room 510 New York, New York 10007

Re: <u>David Castillo v. Superintendent Robert Ercole</u>,

(Docket No.: 07 Civ. 11256 (LAP) (GWG)

Dear Judge Gorenstein:

As you know, the petitioner has filed a petition for a writ of <u>habeas corpus</u>, to which the People have been Ordered to respond by, Monday, August 4, 2008.

I write to request an additional ninety-days to respond. I was assigned this case on or about June 12, 2008. From June 16 to June 30, 2008, I was a full-time participant in this Office's Felony Trial Training Program. I also vacationed from July 12 to July 19, 2008. Aside from the aforementioned dates, when I was unavailable to work on this matter, my time has was spent working on a four-point appellate brief in People v. Jisun Allah (Indictment No. 95050/2005), and another two-point brief in People v. Seth Richie (Indictment No. 39431C/2005), both of which must filed at the Appellate Division, First Department by August 6, 2008. Additionally, I am taking another vacation some time in August. Accordingly, due to my current workload and vacation schedule, I am unable to complete my response by the current due date. Accordingly, I respectfully request an extension of time, until Monday, November 3, 2008.

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This is respondent's first request for an extension of time. If the Court has any questions or concerns, please contact me at (718) 590-2078. Thank you for the Court's consideration.

Respectfully,

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